

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 B43L1/00

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	FR 1 603 876 A (FIRMA WLATER WEYEL SCHULWANDTAFELFABRIK) 7 June 1971 (1971-06-07) page 3, line 36 - page 4, line 13 -----	1-8
A	BE 1 010 661 A7 (RIGAUD JEAN-MARC; LEGRAND JACQUES) 3 November 1998 (1998-11-03) page 5, line 7 - page 6, line 17 -----	1-8
A	US 3 659 355 A (ADELARD L. AUBIN JR) 2 May 1972 (1972-05-02) the whole document -----	1-8
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8

The subject-matter of claim 1 concerns a pivoting panel system having at least three independently pivotably mounted panels such as known from FR-A-1 603 876. The invention lies in that the panels are pivotably mounted about a common axis.

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2. claim: 9

The subject-matter of claim 9 concerns a mounting bracket for securing a panel to a mounting surface, the bracket having a generally vertically orientated channel member.

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3. claim: 10

The subject-matter of claim 10 concerns a hanger for mounting a pivoting panel system to a partition wall having a top edge, the hanger having a top member adapted to seat on the wall and a downwardly extending member to secure to the panel system.

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Information on patent family members

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